I Received last Evening a Northampton Paper of the 17th Inst I was glad to get the Paper but I would rather had a letter from you than 40 Papers and I think it would have taken but very little time to have written a letter and sent along you said in one of your letters that you wrote nearly every week I want you to write at least once a week if not twice the last letter I got from you was dated Apl 16th Since that time I have written 3 or 4 to you one to Messer and one to John Clapton if you can find nothing else to write just tell me whether you are all well or not and sign your name for I want to be sure and hear from you once a week at least I am going to quit writing such long letters for I can get but a short one in Return I well close by saying write soon and often I Remain your affection=ate husband until death

To Lydia A Slough } Abm Slough

Army in the Field

May 3rd 1862

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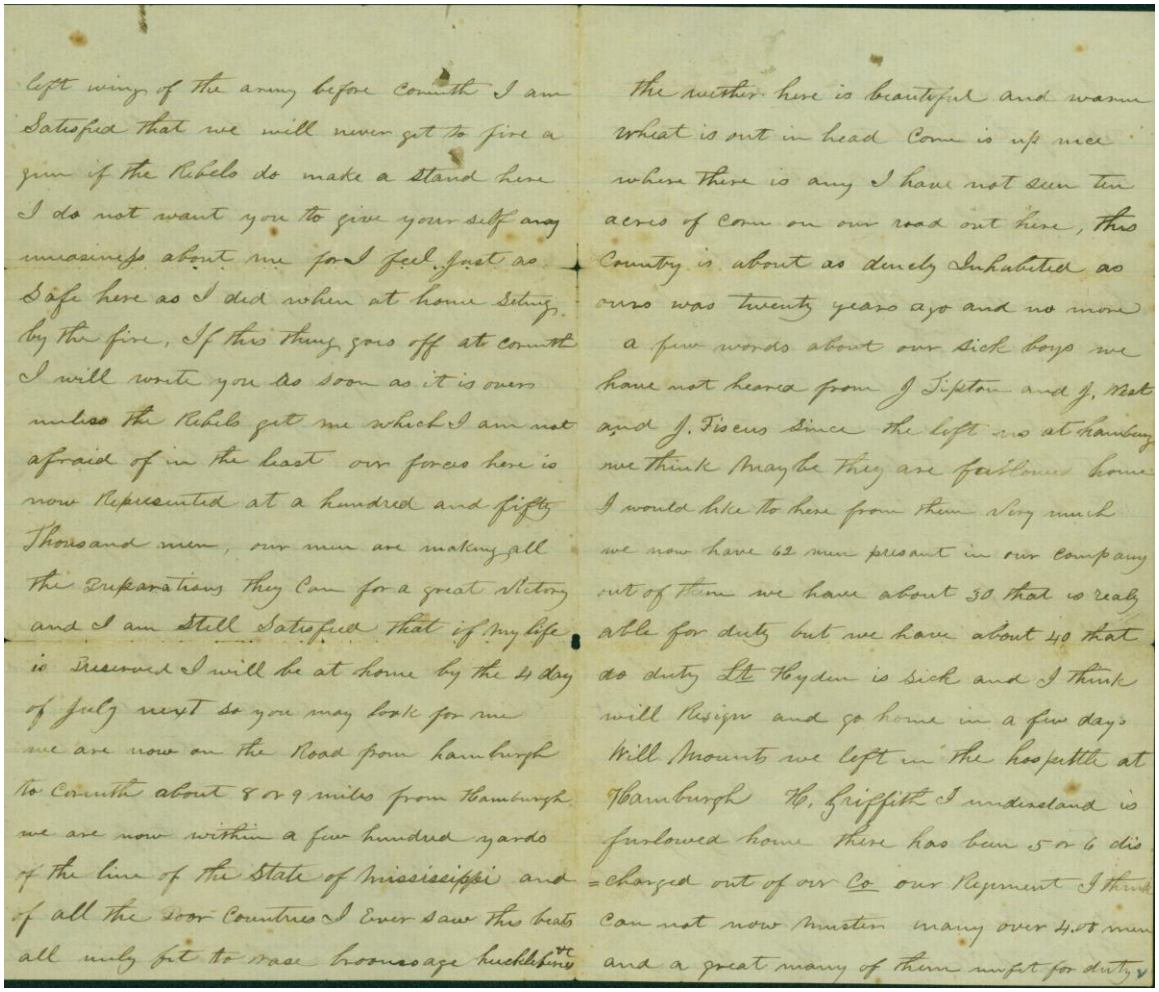

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unless the Rebels get me which I am not
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we are now on the Road from hamburgh
to Corinth about 8 or 9 miles from Hamburgh
we are now within a few hundred yards
of the line of the State of Mississippi and
of all the Poor Countries I Ever saw this beats
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